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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Administration Report of the Public Health Department for the calendar year 1939.

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Report on the Administration of Public Health Department for the calendar year 1939, received from the Director of Public Health in Mysore, with his letter No. V.S. 128, dated 19th August 1940.

ORDER No. G. 3534-57—P. H. 11-40-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 26TH OCTOBER 1940.

Recorded.

2. *Public Health.*—Two thousand three hundred and fifty-two deaths from plague were reported as against 5,196 in the previous year. As a preventive measure, in addition to the 132,536 anti-plague inoculations done, rat destruction by means of cyanogas fumigation was carried out in nearly 27,000 houses in various parts of the State, including the cities of Bangalore, Mysore and the Kolar Gold Field. There were only 533 deaths from cholera. It is gratifying that this disease is not endemic in the State and that if timely measures are taken to prevent infection from outside, it is quite possible to control it. Five thousand four hundred and fifty anti-cholera inoculations were done during the year. Six hundred and forty-one deaths from small-pox were reported and 425,632 vaccinations done.

Typhoid Investigation.—A comprehensive report on typhoid investigation conducted in the last quarter of 1938 was published during the year under report. Action continued to be taken on the several recommendations contained in the report.

3. *Vital Statistics.*—The new system of compiling vital statistics introduced in the State in 1938 was adopted as a model for the other provinces and States of India in Resolution No. 3 of the Government of India Central Advisory Board of Health at its meeting held in Madras in January 1939. The total number of births registered during the year was 138,120 (150,410), the computed birth-rate being 20·0 per mille of population, as compared with 22·0 in the preceding year. The

total number of deaths was 98,759 (102,228), giving a death-rate of 14·3 per mille of population against 14·9 in the previous year. The birth-rate varied from 25·6 in the Shimoga District to 15·4 in the Mandya District.

4. *Public Health Institute.*—Sixteen thousand five hundred and twelve samples in the Bacteriological Section, 2,543 samples in the Chemical Section and 312 cases with 1,141 articles in the Medico-legal Section were examined. During the year, 11,010 c.c. of anti-cholera vaccine and 31,531 c.c. of T.A.B. vaccine were issued for use. Biological methods of investigation of the nutritive value of foodstuffs were continued. The income and expenditure of the Institute were Rs. 15,510 and Rs. 25,248, respectively, as against Rs. 25,761 and Rs. 22,228 in the preceding year.

5. *Bureau of Health Education.*—During the year, 173 cinema shows were given in 103 places in all the districts to an audience of about 105,000, compared with 190 shows in 94 places to an audience of 114,000 in the previous year. The permanent Health Museum in Mysore was kept open to the public throughout the year. Two models of a bore-hole latrine and a bore-well, respectively, were added to the exhibits during the year and another of a rat-proof house was under construction. Health exhibitions were also held in Bangalore City and the Kolar Gold Field on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary celebrations of the Red Cross Society. Village improvement works on a health league basis were carried out in the Health Training Centre, Closepet, in 40 villages.

6. *Bureau of Epidemiology—Malaria Control.*—Among the several anti-malaria measures sanctioned during the year may be mentioned the permanent anti-malaria engineering works at Hiriyur, the anti-malaria work at Belur, the malaria control work around the Princess Krishnajammanni Sanatorium, Mysore City, and the starting of itinerant dispensaries at Krishnarajnagar and Pavagada.

Malaria control work was continued during the year in the Bhadravati old and new towns, and at Marconahalli, Thippagondanahalli, Shimshapur, Chikmagalur, Belur, Jog and Sakrepatna. Half-yearly spleen and parasite surveys of the ten control and the four comparison villages of the Mandya Malaria Unit were made. The permanent anti-malaria engineering measures under execution at Bevinahalli, Kyatanagere and Sundahalli were in progress during the year.

The staff deputed for guinea-worm control work visited 672 villages, examined 570 wells and restocked fish in 266 wells, while that engaged in hookworm control work visited 97 villages in the Periyapatna Taluk, also making a spleen survey in these villages and distributing 4,821 totaquina tablets to persons actually suffering from malaria.

7. *Bureau of Sanitary Engineering.*—The work of this Bureau was divided into five sections, *viz.*, Water-supply, Drainage, Town Planning and Surveys, Sanitary Fittings and Installation, and Bore-wells. A separate division was created during the year for the Bangalore City drainage works. The Bureau maintained the water-supply installations of twenty-five places and completed ten out of the twenty-one drainage works under execution. It also prepared plans for the improvement of junctions and extensions and for slaughter-houses and mutton stalls and designs for dwelling and farm houses, rat-proof dwellings and cattle pounds.

Bore-wells.—The total number of bore-wells drilled for local bodies up to the end of December 1939 was 156. In the year under report, twenty-one bore-wells were completed and ten were in progress.

Bore-hole Latrines.—Three hundred and forty-nine bore-hole latrines were constructed during the year.

8. *Important Measures.*—Among the important measures carried out during the year may be mentioned (1) the constitution of a Combined Local Health Committee for the consideration of health problems in which the civil, the military and the railway authorities are concerned and for the solution of which the co-operation of all these bodies is required; (2) the constitution of a Central Health Committee with the Member of Government in charge of the Public Health Department as Chairman and the Director of Public Health as Secretary; (3) the training of thirty-nine students in the Sanitary Inspectors' Training Class; (4) the deputation of Dr. V. Narasimha Murthy to Bombay for training in the manufacture of plague vaccine and (5) the delimitation of the areas of operation

for the respective agencies of the Bangalore City and the Civil and Military Station authorities to avoid overlapping of activities in respect of malaria work.

9. *Expenditure of the Department.*—The total expenditure on Public Health activities in the State during the year was Rs. 37·61 lakhs, as compared with Rs. 33·10 lakhs in the previous year.

10. The work of the department during the year was satisfactory.

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Development Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Concessions to persons desirous of investing funds in Indian Defence Bonds and Savings Certificates.

No. FL. 2347-48—G. F. 108-40-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 23RD OCTOBER 1940.

Government of India Notification.
No. D/C 872, F., dated 25th July 1940.
No. D/C 230, F., dated 4th June 1940.

The marginally noted notifications of the Government of India regarding the issue of the Government of India 3 per cent Defence Bonds, and Post Office 10 year Defence Savings Certificates, are republished for general information (Annexures A and B).

2. The following concessions will be allowed by the Government of Mysore to their employees and others desirous of investing money in the above Government of India Defence Bonds and Savings Certificates :—

(*i*) Advance of pay, not exceeding six months' pay and also not exceeding Rs. 5,000 , carrying interest at 2 per cent per annum and recoverable in 24 monthly instalments, will be allowed to Government employees for subscribing to the Government of India 3 per cent Defence Bonds (*vide* Annexure C for details).

(*ii*) Optional subscribers for the State Provident Fund will be granted permission to withdraw, permanently, or temporarily, from the Provident Fund balances at their credit, for subscribing to the Government of India Defence Bonds and Savings Certificates, recovery in the case of temporary withdrawals being effected in not more than 24 monthly instalments.

(*iii*) Purchase of the Government of India Defence Bonds from the State Life Insurance Fund (both Official and Public Branches) will be effected on behalf of the policy holders at their option, in respect of policies maturing on or before 30th June 1942 (*vide* Annexure D for details).

(*iv*) Facilities will be given to persons desirous of investing money in the Government of India Defence Bonds, to transfer money freely from mofussil places to Bangalore by permitting the issue of Remittance Transfer Receipts *at par*, by the respective Treasuries, on the State Huzur Treasury, Bangalore, in favour of the Agent, Imperial Bank of India, Bangalore, so as to enable them to obtain their requirements of the Defence Bonds by sending their applications to the Imperial Bank, with the Remittance Transfer Receipts.

3. The Comptroller is requested to take necessary further action in the matter and issue suitable circular instructions for the guidance of Treasuries and the public.

By Order,
A. N. RAGHAVACHAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.